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Attention:

Deputy Director for Plans

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Reference is made to your request dated March 10, 1970, and to my letter dated November 21, 1969, concerning captioned individual, your file B-956.

There is enclosed one copy each of the fingerprint cards of captioned individual and James Warren Smedley, who may be identical with the James Warren Smedley mentioned in your request of March 10, 1970.

It is noted that you were furnished two copies of the Federal Bureac of Investigation Identification Record concerning George Hoover Pratt, by my letter dated November 219 1969. A review of the files of this Bureau disclosed no lightification Record identifiable with James Warren Smedley of William Herman Jackson, also known as Jack Karl lawborn, who were also mentioned in your request of March 10, 1970.

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While no Identification Record concerning
James Warren Smedley was located, the enclosed fingerprint
cards concerning Smedley and Pratt may be of assistance to
you in making record checks through official Thai sources.
The enclosed fingerprint cards and the copies of the
Identification Record which were furnished to you by my
letter dated November 21, 1969, may be utilized by you
in checking official Thai sources concerning the (5)
individuals mentioned above. In making such checks, you
must insure that the Thai officials clearly understand (5)
that it is your Agency which is making the record checks
and that such checks are not in any way being made for
this Bureau.

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NOTE:

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) previously checked the names of Pratt, Jackson, and Smedley through Bureau files. CIA has advised that Pratt had reportedly attempted to get people out of Vietnam into Laos where these people could be trained and shipped to the United States to assist in the "Black Movement." By memorandum dated 3/10/70, CIA furnished additional identifying information concerning Jackson and Smedley and requested copies of fingerprint records. CIA requested to be advised if those records could be provided to official Thailsources in (5) order to facilitate checking certain Thailrecords which would otherwise be unavailable.

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SUBJECT:

George Hoover PRATT

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Our memorandum of 11 February 1970, Subject as above.

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Your letter dated 21 November 1969, Subject: George Hoover PRATT, Internal Security - Laos, Racial Matters.

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Our representative in Vientiane, Laos has provided the following additional information concerning Herman JACKSON and King SMEDLEY mentioned in paragraph 1A of reference A:

Herman JACKSON is believed to be identical with William Herman JACKSON, also known as Jack Karl IAWHORN, who was born on 24 November 1926 in Dothan, Alabama. JACKSON is a retired United States Army Master Sergeant who now owns Jack's American Star Bar in Bangkok, Thailand. He carries United States passport number 2539419.

King SMEDLEY is believed to be identical with James Warren SMEDLEY, negro male born on 3 October 1922 at Roanoke, Virginia: SMEDLEY served in the United States Air Force. He carries United States passport 2424089.

Please provide us with copies of the fingerprint records of Subject and William Herman JACKSON. Please advise us if we may provide these records to official Thai sources in order to facilitate checking certain Thai records that would otherwise not be available.

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